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IN RE APPLICATION OF

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APPLICATION NO: 09/878,661

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FOR: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF SUBSTITUTED  
CROTONIC ACID ESTERS**RECEIVED**  
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Sir:

Applicants believe this paper is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, and so under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3) no fees are required. If a fee is deemed to be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1676.

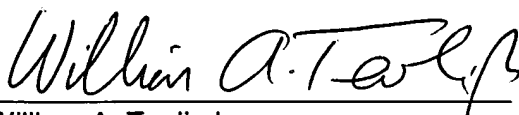
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants wish to call the Examiner's attention to the references cited on the attached form(s) PTO-1449.

The listed references are of record in parent Application No. 09/042,122 filed March 13, 1998, and copies are available therein. However, applicants are willing to send copies of any or all of these references at the Examiner's request.

The Examiner is requested to consider the foregoing information in relation to this application and indicate that each reference was considered by returning a copy of the initialed PTO 1449 form(s).

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